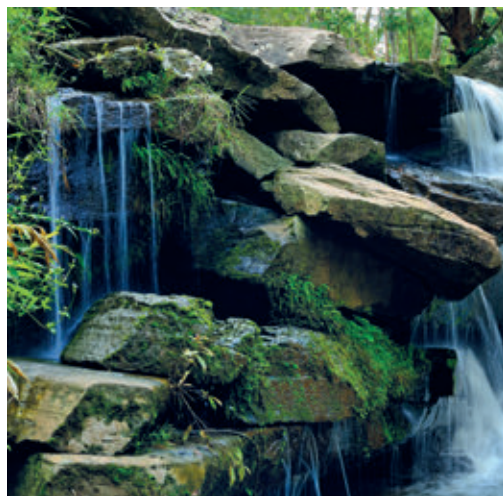


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Nong Khai

Thai Term Glossary

Amphoe: District

Ban: Village

Hat: Beach

Khuean: Dam

Maenam: River

Mueang: Town or City

Phrathat: Pagoda, Stupa

Prang: Corn-shaped tower or sanctuary

SAO: Subdistrict Administrative Organization

Soi: Alley

Song Thaeo: Pick-up trucks but with a roof over the back

Talat: Market

Tambon: Subdistrict

Tham: Cave

Tuk-Tuks: Three-wheeled motorized taxis

Ubosot or Bot: Ordination hall in a temple

Wihan: Image hall in a temple

Wat: Temple

Note: English spelling here given tries to approximate Thai Pronunciation. Posted signs may be spelled differently. When seeking help for direction, point to the Thai spelling given after each place name.

Nong Khai is a border town on the bank of the Mekong River. This province is a gateway to Vientiane, the capital of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR.), with a friendship bridge linking between the two countries. The history of Nong Khai dates back to over 200 years ago. Initially, this riverside area was spotted with small towns; namely, Phran Phrao, Wiang Khuk, Pakho, and Phai (Ban Bueng Khai). At present, traces of ancient places have been found in temples along the Mekong River on the route Tha Bo–Si Chiang Mai. During the reign of King Rama III of the Rattanakosin era, Chao Anuwong, the ruler of Vientiane, staged

a rebellion. King Rama III appointed Chao Phraya Ratchathewi to lead an army to attack Vientiane. The army won with the important forces supported by Thao Suwothanma (Bunma), the ruler of Yasothon, and Phraya Chiangsa. The king, therefore, promoted Thao Suwo to be the ruler of a large town to be established on the right bank of the Mekong River. The location of Ban Phai was chosen for the town called Nong Khai, which was named after a very large pond to the west.

Nong Khai is 615 kilometres from Bangkok, covering an area of around 7,332 square kilometres. This province has the longest distance along the Mekong River; measuring 320 kilometres. The area is suitable for agriculture and freshwater fishery. It is also a major tourist attraction where visitors can easily cross the border into Laos. There are temples, culture and folk ways of life, which are interesting. Hotel accommodation is available and comfortable. There are various kinds of food and souvenir products. By all these charms, people have been drawn to visit this riverside town.

HOW TO GET THERE

By Car: From Bangkok, take Highway No. 1 (Pahonyothin Road) and get into Highway No. 2 (Mittraphap Road) at Saraburi, drive through Nakhon Ratchasima, Khon Kaen and Udon Thani before reaching Nong Khai. The total distance is around 615 kilometres.

By Bus: From the Northern Bus Terminal Chatuchak (Kamphaeng Phet II Road) in Bangkok. There are many bus to Nong Khai everyday; namely,

- The Transport Co., Ltd. Tel. 1490, 0 2936 2852-66 www.transport.co.th

- Budsarakam Tour Co., Ltd. Tel. 09 0779 3900
www.budsarakamtour.com
- Chantour Co., Ltd. Tel. 0 2618 7418, 0 4246
0205 www.chantour.co.th
- Cherdchai Tour Co., Ltd. Tel. 0 2936 0253,
0 4246 1067
- Nakhon Chai Air Co., Ltd. Tel. 1624 www.nca.
co.th
- Rungprasert Tour Co., Ltd. Tel. 0 2941 9675,
0 4241 1447
- Sombat Tour Co., Ltd. Tel. 1215, 0 2030 4999
www.sombattour.com
- 407 Pattana Co., Ltd. Tel. 0 2992 3475-8,
0 4241 1261

For more information contact Nong Khai Bus Station Tel. 0 4241 2679

By train: A train service is available from the Bangkok Railway Station (Hua Lamphong) to Nong Khai everyday. For more information, Tel. 1690, 0 2220 4334, 0 2220 4261. Nong Khai Railway Station Tel. 1690, 0 4241 1592, 0 4241 1637 www.railway.co.th

By Air: There are many airlines operating flights from Bangkok to Udon Thani International Airport, the nearest airport near Nong Khai province, as follows:

From Donmueang International Airport

- Nok Air Tel. 1318, 0 2900 9955 www.nokair.com
- Thai Air Asia Tel. 0 2515 9999 www.airasia.com
- Thai Lion Air Tel. 0 2529 9999 www.lionairthai.com

From Suvarnabhumi International Airport

- Thai Airways International Tel. 0 2356 1111
www.thaiairways.com
- Thai Smile Airways Tel. 1181, 0 2118 8888
www.thaismileair.com

Then take a car or public bus from Udon Thani International Airport to Nong Khai, a distance of

59 kilometres. For more information contact Udon Thani International Airport Tel. 0 4224 4426

Local Transportation

From the Nong Khai Bus Terminal, there are bus and Song Thaeo services running to various districts within the province, and Skylab taxis playing around the provincial town. Fares depend on the number of passengers and distances.

Transportation to Other Provinces

There are buses operating from the Nong Khai Bus Terminal to nearby provinces including Loei, Udon Thani, Nakhon Phanom, Rayong, etc. For information, contact the Nong Khai Bus Terminal at Tel. 0 4241 1612, 0 4241 2679.

Trains are also available from the Nong Khai Railway Station to Udon Thani and Khon Kaen provinces. For enquiries, please call Tel. 0 4241 1592.

Distances from Amphoe Mueang Nong Khai to Other Districts

Amphoe Sakhrai	27 kilometres
Amphoe Tha Bo	42 kilometres
Amphoe Phon Phisai	45 kilometres
Amphoe Si Chiang Mai	57 kilometres
Amphoe Rattanawapi	71 kilometres
Amphoe Fao Rai	71 kilometres
Amphoe Pho Tak	77 kilometres
Amphoe Sangkhom	95 kilometres

Distances from Nong Khai to Nearby Provinces

Udon Thani	51 kilometres
Loei	202 kilometres
Sakon Nakhon	210 kilometres
Nakhon Phanom	303 kilometres

ATTRACTIONS

Amphoe Mueang Nong Khai

Prap Ho Monument (อนุสาวรีย์ปราบฮ่อ)

is located in front of the old city hall. The cremated bones of those who lost their lives in the suppression of the Ho in 1886 have been contained inside the monument which was built by an order of Luang Prachaksinlapakhom, the suppression commander, to honour the good deeds of those who sacrificed their own lives for the nation. There are inscriptions in Chinese, English, Laotian and Thai on all four directions of the monument. A worshipping ceremony and a fair to celebrate the monument are held every year on 5 March.

Tha Sadet Market (ตลาดท่าเสด็จ)

is located along the Mekong River in the Mueang Nong Khai Municipality. This is a source of products from Indochina and East Europe, including dried food, processed food, and utensils, such as electric appliances, clothes, watches, kitchenware, etc. It is open daily from 07.00 a.m.-06.30 p.m. Many visitors, both foreign and Thai, come to see and purchase products for sale here. Furthermore, this is a checkpoint for local people to cross the border into Laos, while visitors in general have to go through the Thai-Lao Friendship Bridge checkpoint.

Nong Khai Walking Street or Talat Khaem Khong (ถนนคนเดินหนองคาย หรือ ตลาดแค่มของ)

is a scenic evening market located by the Mekong River near Tha Sadet Market. Along a distance of 500 metres, there are stalls selling an array of products; such as, local food, art and crafts, and souvenirs. There are also various forms of retro entertainment like Ramwong (traditional circle dance), ballroom dance, and



Prap Ho Monument

particularly the Laotian Paslop dance that attracts a lot of attention from visitors. The Nong Khai Walking Street is open every weekend during 04.30-10.00 p.m.

Phrathat La Nong or Phrathat Klang Nam (พระธาตุหล้าหนอง หรือ พระธาตุกลางน้ำ)

is an ancient stupa that was eroded and tumbled into the Mekong River in 1847, approximately 200 metres from the bank in Tambon Hat Kham. According to the Urang khathat (Phrathat Phanom) Legend, the stupa enshrined 9 foot bone relics. An underwater survey by the Regional Fine Arts Unit revealed



Wat Pho Chai

that the square stupa with indented corners measures 17.2 metres wide and 28.5 metres high and was broken into 3 parts. It is believed to have been constructed in the 15th-17th century A.D. based on its similarity to Phrathat Bang Phuan. Later, a replica of Phrathat La Nong or Phrathat Klang Nam was built in honour of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit on the occasion of her 72nd birthday anniversary, as well as for later generations to remember the long-lasting relationship of the people on both banks of the Mekong River.

Phrathat La Nong houses a 7-tiered golden umbrella cast in honour of the late King Rama IX on the occasion of his 84th birthday anniversary. The umbrella features 7 tiers of lotus flowers decorated with auspicious gemstones. The pattern of each tier conveys the grace of wisdom.

To get there: From Amphoe Mueang Nong Khai, follow Mi Chai Road, turn left into Soi Phrathat 3 and turn right when reaching the road by the Mekong River. Go straight ahead and Phrathat La Nong will be seen located by the riverside on the left.

Wat Pho Chai (วัดโพธิ์ชัย)

is a royal temple, located on Pho Chai Road in the Mueang Nong Khai Municipality. Luangpho Phra Sai, a sacred Buddha image of the town which is respected by the people of Nong Khai, is housed here. This Buddha image sitting cross-legged, which was cast from bright yellow gold in the posture of subduing Mara, has graceful features. According to legend, three daughters of the King of Lan Chang had three Buddha images cast and named each to associate with their names: Phra Soem, Phra Suk, and Phra Sai to the eldest, middle, and youngest siblings, respectively. Originally, the three images were housed in Vientiane. In the reign of King Rama III, they were invited to Nong Khai by boat. On the way to Nong Khai, Phra Suk was drowned by a storm. Phra Soem and Phra Sai were invited to house in Nong Khai. Later on, in the reign of King Rama IV, Phra Soem was taken to Bangkok. Phra Sai is still housed at Wat Pho Chai in Nong Khai. Every year on the full moon day in the seventh lunar month, the people of Nong Khai always hold a rocket merit-making fair or Bun Bang Fai to worship Phra Sai at Wat Pho Chai.



Sala Kaeo Ku or Wat Khaek

Sala Kaeo Ku or Wat Khaek

(ศาลาแก้วกู่ หรือ วัดแขก)

is located 3 kilometres from the town of Nong Khai on the right side of the route to Phon Phisai. Presently, it is under the care of the Nong Khai Buddhist Association. This place which looks like an open museum of religious statues was created with an inspiration of Luangpu Bunluea Surirat who built it around 1978, out of his own belief that the teachings of all regions could be mixed together. Therefore, there are Buddha images in different attitudes, Hindu gods, Christian religious icons, as well as character figures from the Ramayana epic and folk legends. It is open daily during 06.00 a.m.-06.00 p.m. Admission fee is 20 Baht per person.

To get there: From Amphoe Mueang Nong

Khai, take Highway No. 212 bound towards Amphoe Phon Phisai for approximately 4 kilometres. Make a U-turn to the other side after seeing the direction sign to Sala Kaeo Ku and turn left into a soi for 500 metres to reach Sala Kaeo Ku.

Hat Chom Mani or Chom Mani Beach

(หาดจอมมนี)

is located around 2 kilometres from town, along the Mekong River. It is a sandy beach stretching about 200 metres and only emerging during the dry season. April is the appropriate time for a visit. There are so many visitors, both from town and nearby provinces, that it is called the "Pattaya of Isan". In addition, the Thai-Lao Friendship Bridge can be viewed clearly from the beach.

Sirindhorn Aquarium or Nong Khai Aquarium (พิพิธภัณฑ์สัตว์น้ำสิรินธร หรือ พิพิธภัณฑ์

สัตว์น้ำจังหวัดหนองคาย)

is at 112 Mu 7, Chaloe Phra Kiat Road, Tambon Nong Kom Ko, within the area of the Nong Khai campus of Khon Kaen University. It was established to correspond to the University's objective to be a centre for education and research on fishery, collecting the Mekong River's fish species, and a tourist attraction of the province. The Aquarium exhibits various species of freshwater and marine fish and covers an area of over 3 rai comprising 9 groups and 18 systems of water animals, and a 34-metre fish tunnel with a sloping walkway from the upper floor where marine fish are exhibited down to the lower floor where

freshwater fish, native fish, and Mekong River fish are displayed in a natural setting.

The Aquarium is open on Tuesdays-Sundays (closed on Mondays) during 09.00 a.m.-05.00 p.m. Admission is 100 Baht for adults and 50 Baht for children. For more information, call Tel. 0 4241 5623, or visit www.nongkhaiaquarium.com

To get there: From Amphoe Mueang Nong Khai, take Highway No. 2 bound towards Udon Thani for approximately 8 kilometres, turn right at the traffic light and go straight ahead for another 1 kilometre.

Wat Thep Phon Pradittharam Wiang Khuk (วัดเทพพลประดิษฐาราม เวียงคุก)

located at Ban Wiang Khuk Tai, Tambon Wiang Khuk, was built in 1917 and formerly known as

Sirindhorn Aquarium or Nong Khai Aquarium



Wat Siri Thep Phon. The temple houses ancient monuments and artefacts from the Lan Xang culture, ca. 16th-17th century A.D. There are 2 stupas of a similar shape located side by side to each other. A stone town pillar believed to have been the victory pillar of Wiang Kham or Wiang Khuk ancient town was also discovered here.

To get there: From Amphoe Mueang Nong Khai, take Rural Highway Nong Khai 2024 or Highway No. 242 (Nong Khai-Tha Bo) along the Mekong River bound towards Ban Wiang Khuk Tai until seeing the direction sign to the temple on the left-hand side.

Wang Bua Daeng or Wang Bua Chomphu

(วังบัวแดง หรือ วังบัวชมพู)

is at Ban Phai Si Thong, Tambon Wiang Khuk, and features a large natural lake covering an area of approximately 2,000 rai the surface of which is blanketed with pinkish red water lily flowers known locally as “Bua Sai”. The lake has been developed to be the province’s attraction with rowing boat and pedalo services for visitors to be able to enjoy the beauty of the water lilies at a close range. The area is also inhabited by teals and egrets that roam for food naturally. Visitors are expected to help keep the place clean and beautiful by not littering nor picking the water lilies. The water lilies at Wang Bua Daeng will bloom all at the same time and will be the most beautiful during the months of December-February of every year. The suitable time to enjoy the beauty of the flowers is during 06.00-10.00 a.m. The fare for a cruise around Wang Bua Ban is 100 Baht/boat for not more than 3 passengers.

To get there: From Amphoe Mueang Nong Khai, follow Highway No. 242 (the Nong Khai-Tha Bo route along the Mekong River), turn right



Phrathat Bang Phuan

onto Rural Highway Nong Khai 3187 and go straight to reach the direction signs to Wat Pa Phrathat Bu and Nong Bo School, turn left to Rural Highway Nong Khai 3079 and turn right when reaching the St. Cornelius Church to arrive at Wang Bua Daeng.

Phrathat Bang Phuan (พระธาตุบังพวน)

is located in Wat Phrathat Bang Phuan, Ban Don Mu, Tambon Phrathat Bang Phuan. This ancient pagoda which contains the Lord Buddha’s relics has long been respected and worshipped by the people of Nong Khai. The original pagoda was built with bricks in the



Thai-Lao Friendship Bridge

local style of architecture, featuring an Indian stupa of the same age as Phra Phathom Chedi. Then, its base collapsed in June 1970. The present pagoda which was renovated by the Fine Arts Department is an angular bell-shaped Chedi supported by a square relic chamber similar to that of a Prang, with a tapering finial crowned by an umbrella. Its lower base has five tiers and is 17.2 metres wide. The pagoda measures 34.25 metres from the ground.

The people of Nong Khai hold a fair to worship the pagoda on the eleventh day of the waxing moon in the second lunar month every year. Within the temple compound, there are other interesting ancient places such as Sattamahasathan or the seven important places in the history of the Lord Buddha after his enlightenment, where he stayed seven days each in Bliss of Emancipation, and Sa Pappharanak or Sa Phaya Nak (pond of the

Naga serpent) where in the past the water was taken to bathe a newly appointed ruler of the town as an auspicious gesture.

To get there: Phrathat Bang Phuan is 23 kilometres from town. Take Highway 2 (Nong Khai-Udon Thani) for around 11 kilometres and turn right to Highway 211 toward Tha Bo. Drive on to Km. 10, the temple is on your right.

Thai-Lao Friendship Bridge (สะพานมิตรภาพ ไทย-ลาว)

is a link over the Mekong River between Amphoe Mueang Nong Khai of Thailand and Tha Duea of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the town which is around 20 kilometres from Vientiane the capital. It was built with cooperation from three countries: Australia, Laos, and Thailand. It is the bridge that strengthens the Thai-Lao relationship on cultural, economic and social



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aspects. Visitors in general are required to cross the border from Nong Khai to Vientiane via this channel. This bridge is 1,174 metres long and 12.7 metres wide, with two driving lanes and the middle space spare for the establishment of a train track. At a foot of the bridge, there is an immigration checkpoint.

To get there: From Amphoe Mueang Nong Khai, follow Highway No. 212 bound towards Amphoe Tha Uthen for approximately 13 kilometres.

Thai-Lao Border Checkpoints (Nong Khai-Vientiane) จุดผ่านแดนถาวรไทย-ลาว (หนองคาย-เวียงจันทน์)

are located at 2 spots in Amphoe Mueang Nong Khai; namely,

1. The 1st Thai-Lao Friendship Bridge (by land).
2. Nong Khai Railway Station crossing to Thanaleng Station in Lao PDR. (by rail). Border

Crossing for Foreigners, either by land or rail, follows the same rules:

1. An entry-exit stamp on passport at the border checkpoints; namely, the 1st Thai-Lao Friendship Bridge and Nong Khai Railway Station.
2. A visa, which is exempted for visitors of some nationalities, can be applied for at the Laotian Embassy to Thailand in Bangkok, or a visa on arrival at the border checkpoints at the 1st Thai-Lao Friendship Bridge and Nong Khai Railway Station, with a fee of US\$30. There are several air-conditioned buses operated daily by the Transport Company Limited on the Nong Khai-Vientiane route across the 1st Thai-Lao Friendship Bridge. For more information, call Tel. 1490, 0 4241 2679. A train service is also available from the Nong Khai Railway Station to Thanaleng Station in Vientiane, Lao PDR. For enquiries, call Tel. 1690, 0 4241 1592.



Luang Pho Phrachao Ong Tue

Amphoe Tha Bo Luang Pho Phrachao Ong Tue

(หลวงพ่อบุญเจ้าองค์โต)

is housed in Wat Si Chomphu Ong Tue, Ban Nam Mong. This large Buddha image was cast from bronze by the royal artisans of the northern city and Lan Chang. Having graceful features, the 4 metres-high image is sitting cross-legged in the attitude of subduing Mara with a lap width of 3.29 metres. It is a holy image which has gained much respect from the peoples on both of the banks of the Mekong River.

According to a stone inscription, this image was built in 1562 by the royal command of Phra Chaiyachettha, King of Nakhon Wiang. The metals used included gold, brass, and

silver, weighing a total of one Tue (an ancient scale of Isan) and it took seven years and seven months to finish the cast. The province has a fair to pay homage to Luangpho Phrachao Ong Tue every year on the full moon day in the fourth lunar month.

To get there : From Amphoe Tha Bo, take Highway No. 212 (Nong Khai–Tha Bo). At Km. 31, follow a road sign on the left to the temple for around 2 kilometres.

Tobacco-making Village (หมู่บ้านทำยาสูบ)

is along the route from Amphoe Mueang Nong Khai to Amphoe Tha Bo on Highway No. 211. The villagers grow tobacco plantations along the area parallel to the Mekong River. Here, there are picturesque views of nature.

Khok Khon Museum (พิพิธภัณฑสถานโคกคอน)

is located at Mu 4 Tambon Khok Khon, on the Mong River Basin, which shelters a major archaeological site that was uninterruptedly inhabited from the prehistoric to Dvaravati Periods, approximately 1,500-2,500 years ago. Human skeletons and artefacts like polished stone tools, stone bracelets, stone arrowheads, Funan coins from the Dvaravati Period, etc., were unearthed and are now exhibited in the Museum for public learning. For information, call the Khok Khon Subdistrict Administration Organisation, Tel. 0 4244 3157.

To get there: From Amphoe Tha Bo, follow Highway No. 2020 bound for Tambon Khok Khon until seeing the direction sign to the Museum. Turn right into Yothathikan Nong Khai 202 Road for approximately 7 kilometres and turn left for another 300 metres towards the Saeng Chai Market. Turn right into a soi some 20 metres before reaching the Market, and the Museum will be seen on the left-hand side.



Wat Hin Mak Peng

Amphoe Si Chiang Mai **Phra Sutham Chedi, Wat Aranyabanphot**

(พระสุธรรมเจดีย์ วัดอรัญญบรรพต)

is located on the Si Chiang Mai–Sangkhom Road, Tambon Ban Mo. Relics of the Lord Buddha are enshrined in this Chedi which also serves as a museum. The Chedi was constructed by the Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand as a tribute to Luangpu Rian Worlapho, a religious master of many followers. An annual merit-making fair is held at the temple in January.

To get there: From Amphoe Si Chiang Mai, take Highway 211 bound towards Amphoe Sangkhom for approximately 10 kilometres, the temple is on your left.

Wat Hin Mak Peng (วัดหินหมากเป้ง)

is located at Ban Thai Charoen, Tambon

Phra Phutthabat. The temple compound is spacious, clean and shady with various species of plants amidst tranquility. Its area on one side borders the Mekong River where a scenic view can be seen. Originally, this place was a Dharma practice place of Luangpu Thet Thetrangsi, a famous meditation master of Isan, who initiated it as a Dharma practice centre for Buddhist monks, nuns and pilgrims. After his death, a Chedi was built to enshrine his remains. Inside the temple, there is a statue of Luangpu Thet on display with the eight requisites (the three robes, the bowl, a razor, a needle, the girdle and a water-strainer) and his biography.

To get there: From Amphoe Si Chiang Mai, take Highway 211 bound towards Amphoe Sangkhom). At Km. 64, follow a road sign on the right to the temple.

Namtok Wang Nam Mok (น้ำตกวังน้ำหมอก)

Located to the north of Ban Wang Nam Mok village, Tambon Phra Phutthabat, this 30-metre-high waterfall is accessible by car. It is blessed with spectacular cliffs, stream terraces, a large basin and rock terrace down below, where swimming is possible from June to October.

Ban Wang Nam Mok provides a homestay and trekking service. Visitors will enjoy the welcoming ceremony of the Bai Si Su Khwan ritual and folk dinner. Some of the local dishes include bamboo shoot soup, pineapple salad, and deep-fried fish with herbs. For more information, Tel. 0 4242 3783.

To get there: From Amphoe Si Chiang Mai, follow Highway No. 211 bound towards Amphoe Sangkhom and turn left onto Rural

Highway Nong Khai 3005. Turn right at the intersection before reaching the Ban Huai Hai Health Promoting Hospital and head for Ban Wang Nam Mok.

Amphoe Sangkhom **Phu Huai I San** (ภูห้วยอีสัน)

is a scenic viewpoint on a small hill in Tambon Ban Muang, overlooking villages in Amphoe Sangkhom and reefs in the Mekong River. It is also another spectacular sunrise spot in Nong Khai, especially with the mist shrouded Mekong River during the cold season.

Phu Huai I San is accessible for viewing the sunrise and the sea of mist only during October-May of every year, as the road up the hill is rather steep and will turn muddy

Namtok Wang Nam Mok





Phu Huai I San

and bumpy in the rainy season, and it is not recommended to drive a private car up the hill. There is a transfer service by the village I-taek car, which is available throughout the tourism season at the Ban Muang Subdistrict Administration Organisation. Visitors should arrive at the I-taek service area before 05.00 a.m., so to reach the top of the hill in time for the first sunlight of the day. The trip up the hill takes approximately 45 minutes. For enquiries, call Tel. 09 6068 2362.

To get there: From Amphoe Sangkhom, take Highway No.211 bound towards Loei province for some 22 kilometres. When reaching Ban Muang, the I-taek service area will be easily noticed by the roadside on the right.

Nong Pla Buek (หนองปลาบึก)

is a swamplike area in the middle of the Mekong River located at Mu 3 Ban Nong, Tambon Ban Muang. It has been told that on the way along the Mekong River from Luang

Prabang, Thao Chiang Maeng made a stop at this place. Having noticed that the water here was so clean and clear that a school of Mekong giant catfish or Pla Buek could be seen swimming in couples, he named the place “Nong Pla Buek” meaning a swamp of Mekong giant catfish.

Nong Pla Buek is 200 metres wide, 550 metres long, and on average 20 metres deep. It is believed to be a dormancy site for this world’s largest scaleless fish before going out for breeding during the flood season. Later, the place became a scenic sunset viewpoint of Amphoe Sangkhom. During the dry season when the Mekong River recedes, visitors can see sandbars, rocks, and reefs dotting the area across to the opposite bank on the Lao side. At the end of Buddhist Lent, it is also one of Nong Khai’s various spots to view the Naga fireballs. Visitors may rent a boat to appreciate the setting sun and reefs at 300 Baht for a 5-seater boat. For more details, contact



Wat Pha Tak Suea

Khrua Mai Nam Restaurant at Tel. 08 5001 7411.

To get there: From Amphoe Sangkhom, take Highway No. 211 bound towards Loei province for approximately 23 kilometres and Nong Pla Buek will be seen by the roadside on the right.

Wat Pha Tak Suea (วัดผาตากเสื้อ)

is situated at 550 metres above mean sea level on Khao Phu Phan Noi in Tambon Pha Tang. Formerly known as “Wat Tham Phra”, the temple was first built as a place for monks to practise Dhamma, meditation, and perseverance. At that time, walking down the hill for a morning alms round was rather difficult. So, villagers joined hands to construct a road up the hill, as well as a temple to be a religious place of worship. In 2007, the Buddha’s relics were enshrined here for Buddhists to pay respect.

The temple has verdant natural surroundings, with a walkway along the cliff face to enjoy the natural scenery and a Naga staircase leading up to the mountaintop where a cruciform ordination hall is situated. Inside is enshrined the principal image of the Buddha seated in a meditation posture surrounded by other images in various postures. The ceiling features fine paintings depicting the Life of the Lord Buddha including his Birth, Enlightenment, First Sermon, and Nibbana. A chedi was built here to enshrine the relics and ashes of monk masters including those of Luangpu Man. Another highlight that has made this temple attract a lot of visitors is Pha Tak Suea, a viewpoint cliff where the scenery of the vast Mekong River that borders the two countries can be admired. A skywalk with a strong and durable 4-cm. thick tempered laminated glass

floor attached to the rock foundation of the cliff and jutting out 6 metres from the cliff face has recently been constructed. The 16-metre skywalk includes a 15-metre glass floor supported by rustproof steel framework and flanked with glass walls, with a carrying capacity of approximately 20 persons or about 2,500 kilogrammes. Before getting onto the skywalk, there is a signboard informing visitors about the regulations to follow. For enquiries, contact the Pha Tang Subdistrict Administration Organisation at Tel. 04241 4855.

To get there: From Amphoe Sangkhom, follow Highway No. 211 bound towards Amphoe Mueang Nong Khai for approximately 11 kilometres. Turn right at the intersection and go straight uphill for some 5 kilometres to arrive at Wat Pha Tak Suea.

Namtok Than Thong (น้ำตกธารทอง)

is located in Ban Pha Tang, Mu 1, Tambon Pha Tang. This waterfall has its stream flowing along the rocky ground. There is a pond where visitors can swim. Tiers of small cascades line below for a distance of around 30 metres before merging with the Mekong River. The time to visit when the waterfall holds plenty of water is between June and October. The surrounding area is an arboretum with a thick forest.

To get there: From Amphoe Sangkhom, follow Highway No. 211 bound towards Amphoe Mueang Nong Khai for approximately 11 kilometres, the waterfall is on the left. Opposite the way to Wat Pha Tak Suea.

Namtok Than Thip (น้ำตกธารทิพย์)

is a high and beautiful waterfall amidst a lush forest. It has three tiers. The first tier is around 30 metres high and its long white body of water rushes into a pond below. The second



Wat Tham Si Mongkhon or Wat Tham Din Phiang

tier of about 100 metres high can be reached through a marked trail. The third tier is around 70 metres high with water flowing all year round, especially in the rainy season there will be plenty of water.

To get there: From Amphoe Sangkhom, take Highway No. 211 bound towards Loei province. At Km. 97-98, follow a road sign to turn left and go on for around 2 kilometres. From the parking area, walk another 100 metres.

Wat Tham Si Mongkhon or Wat Tham Din Phiang (วัดถ้ำศรีมงคล หรือ วัดถ้ำดินเผียง)

A legend has it that this cave was a pilgrim

trail of a Laotian monk, who walked from Lao PDR. to Thailand instead of passing via the boat route. Only virtuous men or monks with supernormal powers could see the path in this cave. According to the belief of the villagers, the cave resembles the underwater world of the naga. It has high humidity with water running all year round. There are stacking rocks, in which some of them resemble coffins. To explore the cave, a tour guide is recommended.

To get there: From Amphoe Sangkhom, follow Highway No. 211 bound towards Amphoe Mueang Nong Khai for approximately 11 kilometres. Turn right at the intersection and go straight uphill for some 14 kilometres.

Amphoe Phon Phisai **Chalermraja Cultural Centre Phon Phisai** **Museum** (ศูนย์วัฒนธรรมเฉลิมราชพิพิธภัณฑ์เมือง โพนพิสัย)

is located at the old district office of Amphoe Phon Phisai, Phisai Soradet Road, Tambon Chumphon. The building was constructed in 1924 when Khun Worawutmontri (Thongdi Intharakamhaeng) was the 4th District Chief using a budget donated by the people of Amphoe Phon Phisai. The construction was made by local artisans into the Colonial architecture, using no cement. The District submitted an application to the Fine Arts Unit 9 (Khon Kaen) for the building to be registered as an ancient monument and in 2010, was granted permission to restore and turn it into the Phon Phisai Museum. In 2013, the Department of Cultural Promotion, Ministry of Culture, assigned the museum as a Chalermraja Cultural Centre with exhibitions in honour of King Rama IX, cultural heritage, and folk wisdom including:

1. King Rama IX's royal activities.

2. History and goodies of Phon Phisai.

3. Amazing Naga fireballs.

The Museum's restoration and decoration was completed and its official opening ceremony took place on 26 December, 2014. It then became a source of knowledge for the community and people in general. It is open on Mondays-Saturdays (closed on Sundays) during 09.00 a.m.-04.00 p.m. For more information, Tel. 08 1061 5113.

Wat Thai (วัดไทย)

is located by the Mekong River on Phisai Soradet Road, Soi Thetsaban 16, Ban Chumphon. There are replicas of various places at the front of the temple based on the folk belief that the area in front of the temple is the location of the Naga Serpent King's cave. A triangular pillar was built to represent the city pillar of the imitation Naga Underworld. Beneath is the entrance to the Underworld in the form of a Nak Kin Nak – Naga swallowing Naga—to symbolise fertility, with a 7-chamber tunnel cave inside. In the front of the temple is enshrined a large image of Luangpho Yai-the Buddha seated under the protection of a 9-headed Naga Serpent. Wat Thai is another favourite spot to view the Naga fireballs at the end of Buddhist Lent. During that period, the spaces in front of the temple will be fully occupied by visitors and viewers waiting for the phenomenon to occur, with a fair and various forms of entertainment in the surrounding area.

Saphan Huai Luang Anuson (สะพานห้วย หลวงอนุสรณ์)

is a bridge built in 2008 on Phisai Soradet Road to cross Lam Huai Luang at the scenic spot where the bluish green water of Lam Huai

Luang meets the brownish Mekong River. The structure of the bridge was finely designed.

To get there: From Phon Phisai District Office, follow Phisai Soradet Road for approximately 1 kilometre to the bridge.

Wat Mani Khot (วัดมณีโคตร)

is a much revered temple for the Phon Phisai people located at 109 Mu 1, Tambon Chumphon. It is where the revered Luangpho Siang, which is mentioned in the district’s catchword “Luangpho Phra Siang Buddha Image and Naga Fireballs Phenomenon”, is enshrined. According to various books of legend, Luangpho Phra Siang was a Buddha image designated to the birthday of the daughter of a Lan Xang or formerly Luang Prabang’s ruler, which was taken to be enshrined at Wat Mani Khot. Later, in the time when there was still no cars, Luangpho Phra Siang was taken on an elephant’s back in an attempt to take it to Bangkok. It was told that the image became so heavy that the elephant could not proceed due to a magical power and fell off the mount breaking one ear and crooking the flame halo over the head, believed to be an implication that the image did not want to go elsewhere.

The authentic Luangpho Phra Siang is a fine bronze image of the Buddha seated in the subduing Mara posture, measuring 8 inches (20.32 cm.) wide across the lap, 24 inches (60.96 cm.) high, and weighing approximately 100 kilogrammes.

Two major festivals of Phon Phisai that are related to Luangpho Phra Siang are the Songkran Festival on 13 April and Bang Fai Rocket Festival on the full moon day of the 6th lunar month (around May) of every year, which have been observed for a very long



Wat Thai

time. For more information, please contact the Phon Phisai Subdistrict Municipality at Tel. 0 4240 5563.

To get there: From Amphoe Phon Phisai, follow Phisai Soradet Road for approximately 1 kilometre, turn left at Wat Phon Chai and go straight on to the end of the road to reach Wat Mani Khot.

Amphoe Rattana wapi Nong Khai Agricultural Research and Development Center (ศูนย์วิจัยและพัฒนาการเกษตรหนองคาย)

is located on the Nong Khai–Bueng Kan route (Highway 212). This area is very moist and

various species of plants have been grown here for an experiment to see their development. Visitors can walk the area to view groves of fruits, cashew nut, etc., and local plants for conservation, such as Makiang which is used for making wine and juice. There are also furrows of local vegetables, such as Krachiao, Phakkat Ya, Som Mong, Phak Wan Pa, etc., which are eaten with Namphrik (spicy sauce) or Lap (spicy dish of minced meat) by the people of Isan. Besides, local herbs and more than 100 species of fragrant flowers are gathered here. During the cool season, colourful temperate flowers will be grown as well. This is an interesting place of agro-tourism. For further information, call 04249 0936

Wat Phrabat Na Hong (วัดพระบาทนาหงส์)

is a temple where a much revered footprint of the Lord Buddha is enshrined, located in Pa Dong Si Chomphu at Ban Phrabat Na Hong, Tambon Na Hong. According to legend, Pa Dong Si Chomphu was once a dense jungle with various plants and animals. Among these animals were two creature kings; namely, Swan King and Lion King. The Swan King lived and fed at Nong Hong (Swan Swamp) and Lam Huai Hong (Swan Creek) whereas the Lion King lived and fed at Nong Sing (Lion Swamp) and Lam Huai Sing (Lion Creek). Both were friends and loved each other and usually visited each other. At that time, the Lord Buddha came passing by and sat on a shale slab in that area. Having noticed the Lord Buddha's calm

and respectable manner, both creature kings came to pay respect to him. The Lord Buddha gave them a sermon, with angels and other creatures gathering and listening in a peaceful manner. Once the sermon ended, both creature kings requested for the Lord Buddha to leave a footprint on the slab. The Lion King paid respect on the ground while the Swan King flew around 3 times in the sky to circumambulate the Lord Buddha who turned his foot around to look after until a hole of approximately 1.5 metres deep appeared on the stone. The footprint was named the Na Hong Na Sing Footprint for angels and human beings in general to pay respect.

Mr. Ken Kaeowiset, a hunter from Ban Nong Kaeo, Tambon Rattanawapi, Amphoe Phon Phisai (now Amphoe Rattanawapi), first discovered the footprint in 1866. There were overall 4-5 holes on the stone; the largest one contained the Dhammacakra–Wheel of Dhamma, and symbols like an alms bowl and other monk requisites, a footed tray with a scripture on top, and various animals including the Swan King and Lion King, with the toe lying in the North, which indicated that it was the right foot.

Later, the villagers cleared the jungle for road construction and built a building to cover the footprint. There is a fair to pay respect to the Buddha's footprint during the 13th-15th days of the waxing moon in the 3rd lunar month (around February) of every year. For more details, contact the Rattanawapi District Office at Tel. 0 4241 8046.

To get there: From Amphoe Rattanawapi, take Highway No. 212 bound towards Amphoe Mueang Nong Khai for approximately 1 kilometre, turn left onto Rural Highway Nong

Khai 3010, go straight ahead for some 6 kilometres, turn left for 400 metres and turn right for another 1.8 kilometres to reach the temple.

EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

Prap Ho Monument Fair (งานอนุสาวรีย์ปราบฮ่อ)

Being held at the Prap Ho Monument around the month of March every year. Activities in the fair include shows, games, and booths of goods at reasonable prices.

Luang Pho Ong Tue Fair (งานเทศกาลนมัสการหลวงพ่อดำ)

is scheduled to take place in March every year at Wat Si Chomphu Ong Tue in Amphoe Tha Bo. Activities include paying respect to the large golden cast Buddha image of Luangpho Ong Tue, folk games and entertainment, trade fair, etc.

Isan–Nong Khai Songkran Fair (งานเย็นทั่วหล้ามหาสงกรานต์อีสาน–หนองคาย)

Being held at Wat Pho Chai on Songkran Day every year. Luangpho Phra Sai and important Buddha images from other temples will be put on a procession to go around town for the general public to pay homage to and bathe the holy images. There are booths of local products at reasonable prices.

Bun Bang Fai Fair (Rocket Festival) (งานบุญบังไฟ)

Being held in the sixth lunar month (May) every year. There is a rocket contest to worship Phaya Thaen or god of the rain. It is a way the local people do to ask for rain. A temple fair will be organised in the grounds of Wat Pho Chai. Rocket shooting will be done on the field around 10 kilometres from Wat Pho Chai.

Bang Fai Phaya Nak (บังไฟพญานาค)

This extraordinary miracle always occurs at the beginning of the full moon night in the eleventh lunar month (End of Buddhist Lent). It can be seen along the Mekong River in Amphoe Mueang Nong Khai, Amphoe Phon Phisai, Amphoe Tha Bo, Amphoe Si Chiang Mai and Amphoe Sangkhom. Bang Fai Phaya Nak is a term used for red and pinkish fire balls, which according to belief, belong to Phaya Nak or the great serpent of the underwater world. On the day marking the End of Buddhist Lent, a great number of people come to witness this phenomenon.

Tak Bat Thewo and Thai-Lao Friendship Boat Race (งานตักบาตรเทโวและแข่งเรือมิตรภาพไทย-ลาว)

Being held during the end of the Buddhist Lent festival every year. People come to offer alms to Buddhist monks in the morning. Long boat competitions, which the Thai and Lao sides will take turn to host, will be held on the Mekong River during the day.

LOCALS PRODUCTS

Nong Khai sells various local products and souvenirs, especially processed food; such as, Saikrok Isan (Northeastern Thai Sausage), Mu Yo (Vietnamese Pork Sausage), Naem (Fermented Pork), as well as the province's reputed Naem Nueang (Vietnamese Meatball Wraps). Also available are hand-woven cotton, basketry, and silver ornaments, which are sold at shops in Amphoe Mueang Nong Khai.

The province's promoted OTOP products include Huat or Muai woven sticky rice cooker from Tambon Khai Bok Wan, Amphoe Mueang Nong Khai, dried banana and rolled banana from Amphoe Sangkhom, crispy baked Khao

Mao from Amphoe Pak Khat, preserved pineapple from Amphoe Rattanawapi, and bucket-dried tobacco from Tambon Ban Thon, Amphoe Tha Bo.

SOUVENIR SHOPS

Daeng Naem Nueang (แดงแนมเนื่อง) 526-527 Rim Khong Road. Tel. 0 4241 1961, 0 4242 1202.

Fa Mai Saikrok (ฟ้าใหม่ไส้กรอก) 546 Mi Chai Road. Tel. 0 4241 2297.

Hatthakam Singtho (หัตถกรรมสิ่งทอ) 1151 Soi Chittapanya, Prachak Road, Tambon Nai Mueang. Tel. 0 4241 1236.

Kap Ngoen (กาบเงิน) 1066 Rim Khong Road. Tel. 0 4242 0421.

Mum Ngoen Mai Thai (มูมเงินไหมไทย) 292 Rim Khong Road. Tel. 0 4241 1235.

Mu Yo Mae Thuan (หมุยอแม้วถวน) 657 Mi Chai Road. Tel. 0 4242 0088.

Nisachon (นิศาชล) 115 Mu 11, Mittraphap Road, Ban Nong Song Hong, Tambon Khai Bok Wan. Tel. 0 4241 2457.

Phrae Mai (แพรไหม) 294 Rim Khong Road. Tel. 0 4241 2095.

Racha Saikrok (ราชาไส้กรอก) 578/1-2 Mi Chai Road. Tel. 0 4241 2174.

Talat Tha Ruea (ตลาดท่าเรือ) Tha Sadet Pier Building, Tha Sadet Road. Tel. 0 4246 1232.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

(3 days 2 nights)

Day 1

(Amphoe Mueang Nong Khai–Amphoe Tha Bo–Amphoe Si Chiang Mai–Amphoe Sangkhom)

Morning -Depart Amphoe Mueang Nong Khai for Amphoe Tha Bo.
-Pay respect to the Buddha image “Phrachao Ong Tue” at Wat Si Chomphu Ong Tue, Amphoe Tha Bo.

-Continue to Amphoe Si Chiang Mai.

-Make merit and pay respect to Buddha images and Luangpu Thet Thetrangsi, founder of Wat Hin Mak Peng, Amphoe Si Chiang Mai. The temple is surrounded with shady vegetation located by the Mekong River with picturesque scenery.

Afternoon

-Depart for Amphoe Sangkhom.

-Visit and enjoy swimming at Namtok Than Thong, Amphoe Sangkhom, a waterfall amidst verdant surroundings, with a pool for swimming and stream flowing into the Mekong River.

-Make merit and pay respect to Buddha images at Wat Pha Tak Suea, Amphoe Sangkhom, and enjoy the scenic view of the district and the Mekong River from the skywalk viewpoint.

-Check-in to the accommodation in Amphoe Sangkhom, most of which is located by the Mekong River, offering a pleasantly cool climate and gorgeous views.

Day 2

(Amphoe Sangkhom–Amphoe Phon Phisai)

Morning

-Check-out early to depart for Ban Muang, Amphoe Sangkhom, to experience an I-taek trip up Phu Huai I San, Amphoe Sangkhom, to admire the rising sun and sea of mist.

-Leave for Amphoe Phon Phisai.

- Afternoon**
- Visit and learn about the history of Phon Phisai at the Chalermraja Cultural Centre Phon Phisai Museum, Amphoe Phon Phisai.
 - Make merit and pay respect to Buddha images at Wat Mani Khot, Amphoe Phon Phisai.
 - Admire the two-coloured river at the Huai Luang Anuson Bridge, Amphoe Phon Phisai, where the stream of Huai Luang meets the Mekong River.
 - Check-in to the accommodation in Amphoe Phon Phisai.

Day 3

(Amphoe Phon Phisai–Amphoe Mueang Nong Khai)

- Morning**
- Pay respect to Luangpho Yai, a large image of the Buddha seated under the Naga's protection, and visit the replica of the Naga Underworld at Wat Thai, Amphoe Phon Phisai.
 - Stroll along the road by the Mekong River in Amphoe Phon Phisai to experience the morning ambience.
 - Leave for Amphoe Mueang Nong Khai.

- Admire the strange-looking sculptures at Sala Kaeo Ku, Amphoe Mueang Nong Khai.

- Afternoon**
- Pay respect to "Luangpho Phra Sai" at Wat Pho Chai, Amphoe Mueang Nong Khai.
 - Make merit and pay respect to Buddha images, as well as enjoy the scenery of the Mekong

River at Phrathat La Nong and Phrathat Klang Nam, Amphoe Mueang Nong Khai.

- Shop for products and souvenirs at Talat Tha Sadet, Amphoe Mueang Nong Khai. On weekends during 4.00-9.00 p.m., there is also the Nong Khai Walking Street nearby by the Mekong River.
- Check-in to the accommodation in Amphoe Mueang Nong Khai.

FACILITIES

Accommodations

(Room rates are subject to change. Please enquire about the prices before checking in.)

Amphoe Mueang Nong Khai

Ban Mae Rim Nam (บ้านแม่ริมน้ำ) 410 Mu 5, Talat Tha Sadet, Tambon Nai Mueang, Tel. 0 4242 0256. 14 rooms: 500-1,100 Baht.

Ban Tawan Resort (บ้านตะวันรีสอร์ท) 1164/7 Prachak Road, Tambon Nai Mueang, Tel. 0 4241 2919. 7 rooms: 500-750 Baht.

BB House (บี บี เฮาส์) 129/15-17 nearby Thai-Lao Friendship Bridge, Sadej Road, Tambon Mi Chai. Tel. 0 4241 3485. 20 rooms: 500–600 Baht.

Bualinn Resort (บัวลินน์) 225 Mu 2, Tambon Nongkomkor. Tel. 09 1867 5554. 27 rooms: 650–1,650 Baht.

Busyarin (บุษยรินทร์) 491-9 Mu 5 Tambon Pho Chai. Tel. 0 4241 1299, 0 4241 2599. 53 rooms: 450–3,200 Baht.

Butsabong Fine Resort (บุษบงไพบน์ รีสอร์ท) 222/2 Mu 9, Don Sawan-Wat That Road, Tel. 0 4201 2767-8. 58 rooms: 1,800-4,800 Baht.

Dee Heng Dee (ดี เฮง ดี) 33/3 Kaeo Worawut, Tambon Mi Chai, Tel. 0 4241 3595. 43 rooms: 550–590 Baht.

Gold Lucky Resort (โกลด์ ลักกี โยเต็ล) 230 Soi Chom Mani 2, next to the Nong Khai Technical and Boat Building Industrial College. Tel. 0 4242 3189, 0 4242 3275. 28 rooms: 400 Baht.

Hirun Grand (หิรัญ แกรนด์) 234 Ban Lao Soi 3, Tambon Mi Chai, Tel. 0 4246 7559 www.hirun-grandhotel.com, 51 rooms: 770–3,000 Baht.

Kaeo Khun Resort (แก้วคุณ รีสอร์ท) Beside Nong Khai Grand Hotel. Tel. 0 4299 0057. 28 rooms: 390–600 Baht.

Khong River (โขงริเวอร์) 179 Kaeo Worawut, Tambon Mi Chai (opposite the old railway station) Tel. 0 4241 1277, 0 4246 5557. 30 rooms: 450 Baht.

Mekong Guesthouse (แม่โขง เกสต์เฮาส์) 519 Rim Khong Road, Tambon Nai Mueang. Tel. 0 4241 3666. 15 rooms: 700–900 Baht.

Modern Inn by Saifon (โมเดิร์น อินน์ บาย สายฝน) 351 Mu 5 Tambon Mi Chai. Tel. 08 9941 3961. 32 rooms: 490–650 Baht.

Nongkhai Resort (หนองคาย รีสอร์ท) 202 Tambon Mi Chai (opposite Nong Khai Railway Station) Tel. 08 6458 7293, 09 5168 7611, 31 rooms: 650–1,200 Baht.

Nongkhai Tavilla (หนองคาย ทาวิลล่า) 211/1 Tha Sadet Road, Tambon Mi Chai, Tel. 0 4299 0945 www.nongkhaitavilla.com, 57 rooms: 600–2,800 Baht.

Nongkhai White Hotel (หนองคาย ไวท์) 285 Mu 1 Tel. 08 0176 3311 www.nongkhaiwhitehotel.com, 66 rooms: 600–1,200 Baht.

Pan Guesthouse (แพน เกสต์เฮาส์) 1066 Mu 5 Rim Khong Road. Tel. 0 4242 0421.

Panlaan Boutique Resort (พันลำน บูติก) 118 Mu 6 Ban Lao Chommanee, Tambon Mi Chai. Tel. 0 4241 2878, 08 0408 7289 www.panlaan-resort.com, 74 rooms: 1,000–5,000 Baht.

Pantawee (พรรณทวี) 1049 Hai Sok Road, Tambon Nai Mueang. Tel. 0 4241 1568. 110 rooms: 600–3,000 Baht.

Pornthip (พรทิพย์) 581/11 Mu 5 Saidem Road, Tambon Pho Chai. Tel. 0 4241 1278. 40 rooms: 500–800 Baht.

Prachak Bungalow (ประจักษ์ บังกะโล) 1178 Prachak Road, Tambon Nai Mueang. Tel. 0 4242 0510. 38 rooms: 300–600 Baht.

Rim Khong Guesthouse (ริมโขง เกสต์เฮาส์) 815/1-3 Rim Khong Road. Tel. 08 6706 6964. 16 rooms: 750–1,500 Baht.

Royal Jomane (รอยัล จอมมณี) 220 Mu 1 Jommanee Beach. Tel. 0 4242 0658-9 www.jomaneehotel.com. 66 rooms: 600–1,200 Baht.

Royal Mekong Nongkhai (รอยัล แม่โขง หนองคาย) 222 Jommanee Beach. Tel. 0 4246 5777-80 www.royalmekong.com, 197 rooms: 900–3,000 Baht.

Royal Nakhara (รอยัล นครา) 678 Saded Road, Tel. 0 4242 2889, 08 5002 6528 www.royal-nakhara.com, 80 rooms: 1,400–2,950 Baht.

Samoar Riverside (สามออร์ ริเวอร์ไซด์) 43 Kaeo Worawut Road, Tambon Mi Chai. Tel. 0 4246 4718 www.samoarriverside.com, 30 rooms: 600–1,200 Baht.

Sawasdee Guesthouse (สวัสดิ์ เกสต์เฮาส์) 402 Mi Chai Road, Tambon Nai Mueang, Tel. 0 4242 0259. 10 rooms: 450–500 Baht.

Suanluang Garden View Resort (สวนหลวง การ์เด้นวิว รีสอร์ท) 55 Mu 6 Tambon Mueang Mee, Tel. 06 1232 6495, 06 2398 2454 www.suanluanggarden.com, 650–1,200 Baht.

T&P Resort (ที แอนด์ พี) behind Talat Pho Chai, Tel. 0 4242 2677. 10 bungalows and 6 rooms: 400–1,000 Baht.

Tanzeno (แทนซีโน) 200 Mittraphap Thai-Lao Road, Tambon Mi Chai, Tel. 0 4246 7080, www.tanzenohotel.com, 76 rooms: 1,300–2,600 Baht.

Thai-Lao Riverside (ไทย-ลาว ริเวอร์ไซด์) 051 Kaeo Worawut Road, Tambon Mi Chai. Tel. 0 4242 3177. 72 rooms: 450–600 Baht.

Vieng Thong (เวียงทอง) 220 Mu 12 Mittraphap Road, Tambon Pho Chai, Tel. 0 4201 0551 www.viengtong.com, 28 rooms: 500–1,000 Baht.

Amphoe Tha Bo

Ban Pak Rim Khong (บ้านพักริมโขง รีสอร์ท) 123 Mu 9, Tel. 09 1335 5652. 10 rooms: 600–800 Baht.

Dao Lom Duan (ดาวล้อมเดือน รีสอร์ท) 90 Ban Huai Mang, Tambon Kong Nang, Tel. 09 1060 8006. 17 rooms: 350–750 Baht.

Gasalong Resort (กาสะลอง) 333 Tha Bo-Ban Phue Road, Tel. 0 4243 1227, 08 1946 2555. 14 rooms: 350–500 Baht.

Khong Den Riverside (โขงเด่น ริเวอร์ไซด์) 334-335 Phanang Chonprathan Road, Tel. 08 6480 9622. 14 rooms: 800–1,200 Baht.

Saeng Thong Resort (แสงทอง รีสอร์ท) 96 Phutthabucha Road, Tambon Nam Mong, Tel. 0 4243 2724, 08 1965 6032. 40 rooms: 350–700 Baht.

Amphoe Si Chiang Mai

Ban Kieng Khong (บ้านเคียงโขง) 20 Mu 4 Rim khong Road, Tambon Phan Phrao, Tel. 08 7519 5003, 08 9454 5041. 14 rooms: 300–400 Baht.

Ban Wang Nam Mok Home Stay (โฮมสเตย์บ้านวังน้ำมอก) Ban Wang Nam Mok, Tambon Phra Phutthabat, Tel. 08 6232 5300.

Jantramanee Resort (จันทรมณี รีสอร์ท) 74 Mu 1, Rim Khong Road, Tambon Phan Phrao, Tel. 0 4245 1311. 20 rooms: 400–1,200 Baht.

Maliwan Resort (มาลิวัลย์ รีสอร์ท) 129/1-2 Highway No. 211 Tambon Phan Phrao, Tel. 08 9493 9049. 7 rooms: 300 Baht.

Phrom Likhit Sawan Bandan Resort (พรหมลิขิต สวรรค์บันดาล รีสอร์ท) 67 Mu 10, Mittraphap

Road, Tambon Phan Phrao, Tel. 0 4245 1730. 54 rooms: 500–1,000 Baht.

Thep In Daeng Resort (เทพอินทร์แดง รีสอร์ท) 79 Rimkhong Road, Tambon Phan Phrao, Tel. 0 4245 1451. 18 rooms: 350–400 Baht.

Amphoe Sangkhom

Banmai Rimkhong Resort (บ้านไม้ริมโขง รีสอร์ท) 181/3 Ban Lam Phu Phan, Rim Khong Road, Tambon Pha Tang, Tel. 0 4244 1560, 08 6630 6176. 25 rooms: 500–900 Baht.

Chom Khong Resort (ชมโขง รีสอร์ท) 172 Mu 2, Tambon Pha Tang, Tel. 0 4244 1143. 14 rooms: 400–650 Baht.

Mekong Jewel (แม่โขง จีเวล) 354 Mu 1, Tambon Pha Tang, Tel. 08 3328 9719 www.mekongjewel.com, 2,500–4,500 Baht.

Mekong River View (แม่โขง ริเวอร์วิว รีสอร์ท) 320 Mu 2, Ban Muang, Tambon Ban Muang, Tel. 08 2445 9700. 8 rooms: 500–800 Baht.

Rabiang Rim Khong Bungalow (ระเบียงริมโขง บังกะโล) 160/3 Ban Kaeng Kai, Sangkhom–Pak Chom Road. Tel. 0 4244 1106. 4 rooms: 300–500 Baht.

Ruean Vanda (เรือนวานด้า) Mu 3, Tambon Pha Tang, Tel. 0 4244 1088, 0 4244 1579. 9 rooms: 500–800 Baht.

Sang Kom River View (สังคัม ริเวอร์วิว) 167 Mu 3, Tambon Pha Tang, Tel. 0 4244 1088. 24 rooms: 600–1,500 Baht.

Amphoe Phon Phisai

Ban Was Resort (บ้านวาส รีสอร์ท) 200 Wat Luang soi 8, Tambon Wat Luang, Tel. 08 9570 7782, 08 7213 2038. 8 rooms: 600–800 Baht.

Boontawee (บุญทวี) 165 Mu 16, Phisai Soradet Road, Ban Chom Nang, Tel. 0 4240 5399, 08 7831 5408. 50 rooms: 350–550 Baht.

Keerawan House Rimkhong (บ้านกวีวรรณ ริมโขง) 8 Wat Luang soi 8, Tambon Wat Luang, Tel. 0 4247 2155, 08 1692 4754. 11 rooms: 600–1,000 Baht.

Racha Hotel & Resort (ราชา ไฮเดิล แอนด์ รีสอร์ท) 619 Mu 1 Tambon Chumphon, Tel. 0 4247 1998, 08 8335 9588. 78 rooms: 400–800 Baht.

Amphoe Rattanawapi

Huean Thai Guesthouse (เหือนไท เกสต์เฮาส์) 309 Mu 11 Tambon Rattanawapi, Tel. 08 1974 9471, 08 6239 9699. 7 rooms: 350–400 Baht.

Tong Nueng Rattanaburi (ตอง นุ่น รัตนบุรี) 110 Mu 11 Tambon Rattanawapi, Tel. 08 1799 5687, 08 1183 2528. 15 rooms: 400 – 450 Baht.

Restaurants

Amphoe Mueang Nong Khai

Ban Suan Prik (บ้านสวนพริก) 645/4 Sai Derm Road, Tambon Pho Chai, Tel. 0 4241 2444.

Bo Pla Bunchu (บ่อปลาบุญชู) 381/2-3 Prachak Sinlapakhom Road, Tambon Nai Mueang. Tel. 0 4242 0024.

Chai Khong (ชายโขง) Kaeo Worawut Road, Tambon Nai Mueang. Tel. 0 4241 2308.

Cho Khun (ช่อคุณ) Nong Khai Grand Thani Hotel. Tel. 0 4242 0033, 0 4242 0044.

Coffee Talk (คอฟฟี่ ทอล์ค) 933/2 Prachak Sinlapakhom Road, Tambon Pho Chai.

DD Phochana (ดีดี โภชนา) 1155/9 Prachak Sinlapakhom Road. Tel. 0 4241 1548.

Daeng Naem Nueang (แดงแนมเนื่อง) 526-527 Rim Khong Road, Tel. 0 4241 1961, 0 4242 1202. (Vietnamese restaurant).

Dok Chan (ดอกจัน) 138/9 Prachak Sinlapakhom Road, Tel. 0 4242 3133, 08 7235 3076.

Im Em Phochana (อิมเอม โภชนา) 1255/3 Bun Thoeng Chit Road, Tambon Nai Mueang. Tel. 0 4241 1608 (Breakfast).

Khrua Suk San (ครัวสุขสันต์) 1164 Prachak Sinlapakhom Road, Tambon Nai Mueang. Tel. 0 4241 1585, 0 4241 1797.

Khrua Khun Kao (ครัวคุณแก้ว) 125 Mu 1 Phanang Chonprathan Road, Tambon Hat Kham, Tel. 0 4241 2439.

Khrua Khun Thip (ครัวคุณทิพย์) 189/1 Mi Chai Road, Tambon Nai Mueang, Tel. 0 4241 3655.

Khrua Mae Paet (ครัวแม่เป็ด) 118 Mu 2 Tambon Mueang Mee, Tel. 0 4240 8474.

Khrua Naka Waree (ครัวนาควาวรี) Rimkhong Road, Tambon Nai Mueang, Tel. 06 4642 5659.

Khrua Pornthip (ครัวพรทิพย์) 302 Rimkhong Road, Tambon Nai Mueang, Tel. 08 1661 9988.

Lang Chuan (หลั่งจวน) 1156/3 Hai Sok Road, Tambon Nai Mueang. Tel. 0 4241 2558.

Loe Khong (เลอ ของ) 226 Mu 6, Kaeo Worawut Road, Tambon Nai Mueang. Tel. 0 4241 3222.

Lucky Phochana (ลัคกี้ โภชนา) 412/1-2 Rimkhong Road, Tambon Nai Mueang, Tel. 0 4241 1645.

Namtok Rimkhong (น้ำตกริมโขง) 1036 Rimkhong Road, Tambon Nai Mueang, Tel. 0 4246 0324.

Ruen Rimnam (เรือนริมน้ำ) 10 Kaeo Worawut Road, Tambon Nai Mueang. Tel. 0 4246 5212, 08 1545 0672 www.ruenrimnam.com.

Sao Da Islam (ร้านอาหารอิสลาม เซาเดห์) 701 Ban Bo Hin, Tambon Pho Chai, Tel. 08 7990 4959. (Halal Restaurant).

Suthin Phochana (สุทิน โภชนา) 492 Mi Chai Road, Tambon Nai Mueang, Tel. 0 4241 1319. (Pho–Vietnamese Noodle).

Thana Phon Naem Nueang (ถนนรณนเอ็มเนื่อง) 1152/2 Prachak Sinlapakhom Road, Tambon Nai Mueang. Tel. 0 4241 2241 (Vietnamese restaurant).

Thantawan (თანตะวัน) 57 Prachak Sinlapakhom Road, Tambon Nai Mueang. Tel. 0 4246 0349 (Breakfast).

Amphoe Tha Bo

Acoustic (อะคูสติค) 62 Ban Nam Mong, Tel. 0 4240 0400.

Khrua Aek Pla Phao (ครัวเอกปลาเผา) Phanang Chonprathan Road, Tambon Phon Sa, Tel. 0 4299 2722.

Lae Khong (แลโขง) Rim Khong Road, Tambon Phon Sa, Tel. 08 6855 7547.

Amphoe Si Chiang Mai

Boeng Khong (เบิ่งโขง) 99 Rim Khong Road, Tambon Phan Phrao, Tel. 0 4245 1330.

Pasak Pla Phao (ป่าสักปลาเผา) 84 Mu 3, Tambon Ban Mo, Tel. 0 4208 0243.

Amphoe Sangkhom

Je Na Ton Duea (เจ้านาตันเตือ) 155 Mu 2, Tambon Sangkhom, Tel. 08 5223 9099.

Khrua Mai Nam (ครัวแม่น้า) Highway No. 211 Tambon Ban Muang. Tel. 08 5001 7411.

Tantawan (ทานตะวัน) 117 Mu 3, Tambon Kangkai, Tel. 0 4244 1433.

Amphoe Phon Phisai

Khao Soi 18 (ข้าวซอย ๑๘) 48/2 Mu 13 Rim Khong Road, Tambon Chumphon, Tel. 0 4247 1893.

Khrua Ban Suan (ครัวบ้านสวน) 118 Mu 20 Ban Nong Pla Lai, Tambon Cumphon, Tel. 08 7807 4155.

Mae Sauce Pla Phao (แม่ซอสปลาเผา) Rim Khong Road, Tambon Chumphon, Tel. 0 4247 1326.

Prathueang Phochana (ประเทืองโภชนา) 966-7 Mu 1, Ratbunrung Road, Tambon Chumphon, Tel. 0 4247 1309.

Rim Khong Lab Ped (ริมโขง ลาบเป็ด) 133/2 Chayangkun Road, Tambon Chumphon, Tel. 08 5742 1782.

Amphoe Rattanawapi

Ruean Un Rak (เรือนอุ้นรัก) 225 Tambon Rattanawapi, Tel. 08 1056 5767.

USEFULL CALLS

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Provincial Administration Office	Tel. 0 4241 177
Nong Khai Provincial Police Station	Tel. 0 4201 2810-11
Mueang Nong Khai Police Station	Tel. 0 4241 2710
Immigration Sub-Division	Tel. 0 4242 3963, 0 4242 0242
Customs Checkpoint	Tel. 0 4241 1518, 0 4242 1207
Tourist Police	Tel. 1155, 0 4246 0186
Highway Police	Tel. 1193, 0 4212 0055
Nong Khai Hospital	Tel. 0 4241 3456-8
Nong Khai-Wattana Hospital	Tel. 0 4246 5201
Nong Khai Transport Office	Tel. 0 4242 3489, 0 4241 1591



แผนที่ตัวเมืองหนองคาย NONG KHAI CITY MAP

สาธารณรัฐประชาธิปไตยประชาชนลาว
LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC



สัญลักษณ์ Legend

	ศาลากลางจังหวัด City Hall		สถานีตำรวจ Police Station
	โรงเรียน School		ถนน Road
	สถานีรถเมล์ Bus Terminal		แม่น้ำ, ลำน้ำ Stream, River
	ไปรษณีย์ Post Office		

0 45 9 กิโลเมตร
F kilometers

H โรงแรม Hotel

- 1 โรงแรมฟิโอร่า Phan Thawi Resort
- 2 โกลด์ลัคกี้ โฮเทล Gold Lucky Hotel
- 3 มินิโฮเทล Mini Hotel
- 4 โรงแรมเมริทิวรี่ Mekong River Hotel
- 5 โรงแรมไทย-ลาว ริเวอร์ไซด์ Thai - Lao Riverside Hotel
- 6 สวีตส์เกสท์เฮาส์ Sawatdi Guesthouse
- 7 จันทิพนม อพาร์ทเมนต์ Chan Mon Apartment
- 8 โรงแรมเกรนทรี Phan Thawi Hotel
- 9 บ้านพักแบบกระท่อม Prachak Bungalow
- 10 โรงแรมขอนแก่นธานี Nong Khai Grand Thani Hotel
- 11 โรงแรมทิพย์หนองไผ่ Thip Nong Khai Hotel

วัด Temple (Wat)

- 1 วัดมิ่งเมือง Wat Mi Thungchai
- 2 วัดชัยโพธิ์ Wat Chaiyaporn
- 3 วัดศรีสะเกษ Wat Si Saket
- 4 วัดศรีบุญเรือง Wat Si Khun Mueang
- 5 วัดกลาง Wat Lamdian
- 6 วัดศรีมงคล Wat Si Sumang
- 7 วัดสระแก้ว Wat Sa Kao
- 8 วัดโพธิ์ Wat Phothi
- 9 วัดอุดมทวน Wat Udom Mahawan

10 วัดทุ่งสว่าง Wat Thung Sawang

11 วัดโพธิ์ชัย Wat Pho Chai

12 วัดอรุณรังสี Wat Arun Rangsi

โรงพยาบาล Hospital

- 1 โรงพยาบาลขอนแก่น Nong Khai Wathana Hospital
- 2 โรงพยาบาลศรีสะเกษ Nong Khai Hospital
- 3 โรงพยาบาลขอนแก่น Ruamphaet Hospital

สถานที่สำคัญ Place of Interest

- 1 ค่ายตรวจคนเข้าเมือง Immigration Checkpoint
- 2 ค่ายตรวจคนเข้าเมืองหนองคาย Nong Khai Border Pass
- 3 ตลาดเทศบาลเมืองหนองคาย Nong Khai Municipality Market
- 4 สนามกีฬาจังหวัดหนองคาย Nong Khai Stadium
- 5 ที่ว่าการอำเภอเมืองหนองคาย Amphoe Mueang Nong Khai Office
- 6 วิทยาลัยเทคนิคหนองคาย Nong Khai Technical College
- 7 เซ็นทรัลพลาซ่าหนองคาย Nong Khai Prison

★ สถานที่ท่องเที่ยว Tourist Attraction

- 1 หาดจอมมณี Hat Chom Mani or Chom Mani Beach
- 2 สวนสาธารณะหนองคาย Nong Thin Park

3 สะพานมิตรภาพไทย-ลาว Thai - Lao Friendship Bridge

4 ตลาดผ้าเช็ด Thai Sadet Market

5 ตลาดหลักเมืองหนองคาย Nong Khai City Pillar Shire

ตลาด Market

- 1 ตลาดชัยภูมิ Chaiyaporn Market
- 2 ตลาดหัวขี้เหล็ก Hayak Nonphrayao Market
- 3 ตลาดสนามบิน Sanambin Market

ร้านอาหาร Restaurant

- 1 ร้านอาหารจีนบ้านนา Ruean Phin Nam Restaurant
- 2 ร้านอาหารจีนเมือง Song Fang Khong Restaurant
- 3 ร้านอาหารไทย Chai Khong Restaurant
- 4 ร้านอาหารจีนเมือง Ruan Phae Hai Sok Restaurant
- 5 ร้านอาหารจีนเมือง Daeng Naem Mueang Restaurant
- 6 ร้านอาหารไทย Thai Thai Restaurant
- 7 ร้านอาหารจีนสุรินทร์ Khrua Suk San Restaurant
- 8 ร้านอาหารจีนเมือง Chen Chop Thit Restaurant



แผนที่ท่องเที่ยวจังหวัดหนองคาย NONG KHAI TOURIST MAP



สัญลักษณ์ Legend

●	อำเภอ (District)	○	ทางหลวง (Highway)
★	สถานที่ท่องเที่ยว (Tourist Attraction)	—	เส้นขอบเขตประเทศ (International Boundary)
🚂	สถานีรถไฟ (Rail Station)	—	เส้นขอบเขตจังหวัด (Province Boundary)
🌊	แหล่งน้ำ, แม่น้ำ (Stream, River)	—	เส้นขอบเขตอำเภอ (District Boundary)
🚊	เส้นทางรถไฟ (Railway)		

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Kilometers

สถานที่ท่องเที่ยว Tourist Attraction

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| 1 น้ำตกธารทิพย์ Namtok Than Thip | 13 อุทยาน Phu Thok |
| 2 น้ำตกธารทอง Namtok Than Thong | 14 น้ำตกเจ็ดสี Namtok Chet Si |
| 3 วัดหินหมากเป้ง Wat Hin Mak Peng | 15 น้ำตกถ้ำฮุ้น Namtok Tham Hun |
| 4 พระสุธรรมเจดีย์ วัดศรีบุญบานพุด Phra Sutham Chedi, Wat Aranyabanphot | 16 เขตรักษาพันธุ์สัตว์ป่าภูวัว Phu Wua Wildlife Sanctuary |
| 5 หลวงพ่อพระเจ้าองค์โต Luangpho Phrachao Ong Tue | |
| 6 สะพานมิตรภาพไทย-ลาว Thai - Lao Friendship Bridge | |
| 7 ตลาดท่าเสด็จ Tha Sadei Market | |
| 8 วัดโพธิ์ชัย Wat Pho Chai | |
| 9 ศาลาแก้วกู่ หรือ วัดแขก Sala Kaew Ku or Wat Khaek | |
| 10 พระธาตุบังพวน Phrathat Bang Phuan | |
| 11 ศูนย์วิจัยสวนเกษตรหนองคาย Nong Khai Horticultural Research Centre | |
| 12 วัดสว่างอารมณ์ หรือ วัดถ้ำศรีน Wat Sawang Arom or Wat Tham Si Thon | |



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